

Manchester Methodist Church

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The Chimes ~ February 2025



Join Us For Our Valentine's Luncheon!

Thursday, February 13th at Noon

Hosted by the Congregational Care Team

There will be food, fellowship, & entertainment!

*Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday,
February 6th if you plan to attend!*

MMC Youth Happenings...

The youth are planning to attend a worship night on February 8th at the Maquoketa Valley High School at 6:00 P.M. This praise & worship event is open to the public, and some of our MMC youth will be performing in it.

We also plan to hold our annual Super Bowl Party in the Community Room (downstairs) on February 9th. Bring a dish to share - all are welcome! Doors will open at 5:00 and the party will continue until the game is over.

A note from Pastor Phil...

“Ladies and Gentlemen, as we prepare for landing, please bring all seatbacks and tray tables to their upright and locked position and stow away your carryon luggage.”

- Rev. Dr. Scott Field

Though the WCA is “landing the plane”, the AfricaNOW initiative will continue into 2025. The Wesleyan Covenant Association has had an amazing journey since it began in 2016. Below there are some details on how and when we are “landing the (organizational) plane”, but first I want to provide an update on AfricaNOW, because that part of the journey is not nearly over yet.

AfricaNOW

Below is what the Rev. Dr. Scott Field wrote to the Wesleyan Covenant Association constituency in July of 2024:

The recent actions by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, changing the traditional definition of marriage from one man and one woman to “two consenting adults” and removing the expectation for UM clergy to be “celibate in singleness and faithful in marriage” has created an uproar, yes, in the USA, but most especially among African United Methodists. Entire African Annual Conferences are beginning to vote to leave the UMC. And, as you might imagine, the UMC’s institutional leaders have a full-on apportionment-funded campaign of misinformation and misdirection to create confusion and intimidation among rank-and-file United Methodists across Africa.

Since its inception the Wesleyan Covenant Association has been a trusted source of information, networking, and advocacy assistance for traditionalist, evangelical, Wesleyan believers. Our efforts have been very successful. In Africa we have developed a reliable network of capable and committed leaders. But they need our help now, especially in the next 3-6 months.

I am writing to invite you to be part of our short-term AfricaNOW funding campaign. This is not a small effort. We expect the AfricaNOW initiative to assist more than 2 million Methodists in Africa to discern, decide, and depart from the UMC. I am appealing to you on their behalf to consider a gift to support these immediate efforts

Providing the financial support for our African sisters and brothers seeking freedom from the bondage of the UMC to pursue God’s leading toward a better future will have an impact across future generations. The WCA does not have reserve funds or an investment portfolio. We are a “cash on hand” ministry. The extent of our reach is immediately and directly related to the financial gifts we receive. Will you partner with us to address this pressing and promising opportunity?

Your gift can be made through the WCA website, www.wesleyan covenant.org or by sending a check to their mailing address: Wesleyan Covenant Association, P. O. Box 130609, The Woodlands, TX 77393.

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A note from Pastor Phil...

Starting February 9th, we will begin a new 12-week sermon series on the Gospel of Matthew. It is based on the study, "Knowing the Bible: Matthew - A 12-week Practical Study Series on the Book of Matthew", written by Drew Hunter. The series will conclude on April 27th.

Here is a web address to access the Matthew study that the sermon series will be based on:
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-matthew>

Looking ahead...

We are searching for a volunteer (or volunteers) to lead the Vacation Bible School team this summer. If this is something that you are feeling inspired to take on, please contact me by the end of March. Yes, we are still in the midst of the winter season, but the summer (and time for VBS) will be here before we know it!

Peace,
Pastor Phil

Preparing
Our Hearts
for Lent

MARCH 5ASH WEDNESDAY
APRIL 13.....PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 17.....MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 18.....GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 20.....EASTER SUNDAY



THANK YOU!!

God has truly blessed me! I received a cochlear implant at the University of Iowa Hospital. That has really changed my ability to hear. Thank you for all your prayers. They have been greatly appreciated. Thank you for being such a caring congregation.

~ Marianne Nodurft

\$\$\$ REQUEST FROM THE MONEY COUNTERS \$\$\$

We kindly request that you DO NOT fold your checks or cash that you place in the offering plate. Also, if you know your envelope number it would very helpful if you would add it to the memo on your check, or on the outside of the envelope that you place your check or cash in. (Reminder: There are pew envelopes available in the pew racks for you to use.) We greatly appreciate your assistance with this! - The Money Counters

Manchester Methodist Church Single Board Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2024 ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ Wesley Hall

Present: Shirley Davis, Charlie Dighton, Bruce Nodurft, Sherry Goranson, Pastor Phil Rogers, Kathy Dolan, Lori Snyder, Wayne Birkenholz, Beth Mueller, Bill Scanlan, Jean Gross.

Kathy called the meeting to order and shared a brief devotional from Mark 4:39. These verses remind us that faith over fear brings us peace during life's storms. Prayers and praises were lifted up by Pastor Phil, followed by a prayer for guidance.

Finance: Bruce shared the final monthly finance report for 2024. Our expenses for December were \$21,148 and our actual income was \$39,316, leaving a surplus for the month. However, our total expenses for 2024 were \$248,305 and actual income was \$234,414 (with final SCRIP payment not included) leaving a deficit of -\$13,891. With the SCRIP money we have a surplus of \$8,529. The SCRIP money was the final payment from that program which is no longer functioning. Bruce also shared a detailed report of the church finances, including balance sheets for the General Fund, Designated Giving, Trustees Funds, and Endowments.

Trustees: Moving day for the pastor's office will be Friday and for Lynne's office will be next Wednesday, February 5th. Finance will be moving into Pastor Phil's old office. There has been a recommendation that Lynne's old office becomes a "crying room" for those parents who wish to use it if necessary. Charlie will proceed with that recommendation and what, if any, expense that would entail.

Christian Ed: We are looking for someone interested in heading VBS this summer as Hannah has asked to be removed from that responsibility. Let the office know if you would like to head that team.

Missions: Stead Family Center toys were delivered January 3rd, plus a cash donation of \$1,247 was sent. The January Mission is "Convoy of Hope" to help assist hurricane victims. Proceeds from the recent soup supper will go to that ministry.

Congregational Care: Sherry shared notes from a recent meeting: We served one funeral in January. Cards are being sent as usual and roses were purchased for two members in December for births of great-grandchildren. February 13th at noon will be our annual Valentine's Luncheon. We will have a baked potato bar and desserts. Beth will be sharing some music, and there will be a speaker from Senior Life Solutions who will give a short presentation.

SPPRC: Shirley reported that we met recently and discussed issues pertinent to this team. We did recommend to Single Board using Lynne's old office as a crying room for parents needing a quiet space with their children for a short time during the service.

OCC: Jean asked permission to serve a brunch between services on Palm Sunday with the proceeds going to OCC shipping. Permission granted.

Additional Topics: **1)** Pastor asked Trustees to post a sign at the south entrance saying *No Animals Allowed*. We have had instances of people entering the building with dogs that are not Service Dogs. This is a major liability issue for the church. **2)** Rahab House should hopefully be ready to launch by June. Teams are in place to facilitate this. Rahab will be a 501C entity and separate from church business. **3)** Lynne shared some information with single board with suggestions for updating computer software to a program with more capabilities. Pastor will get with Lynne and Ruth to see if this would be helpful for both of them. Also, Access Systems will come Feb. 5th to move the large copy machine to her new office.

Our next meeting will be February 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Board Secretary

SERVING OUR CHURCH

February 2nd

8:30

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks
Children's Message: Terry Larson
Communion: Terry & Jeff Larson,
Evan Maifeld

10:30

Liturgist: Jeanine Stellick
Communion: Jean Gross & Jeanine S.

February 9th

8:30

Liturgist: Boy Scouts
Children's Message: Travis Mensen
or Michael Stocks

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz
Communion: Meghan Mensen & Wayne B.

February 16th

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Children's Message: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Liturgist: Pam Vap
Communion: Pam Vap & ??

February 23rd - Contemporary Service

8:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Children's Message: Kristin Milroy

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Jean Gross & ??

MMC Serving Teams

If you would like to be part of one of the *Serving Our Church* teams, please contact the following people:

◆ Communion Servers, Liturgists, Scripture Readers, Children's Sermon:

Jeff Larsen @ 563-608-4036
or call the office @ 563-927-4439

◆ Door Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers:

Lori Snyder @ 563-920-6692

◆ Tech Team/AV:

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks
mmctechteam@gmail.com

◆ Nursery Attendants:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 563-920-2006

◆ Fellowship Time Hosts:

Text Michelle Philgreen @ 563-920-1677
or sign up at the Welcome Desk

◆ Worship Music:

Beth Mueller & Lynne Rasmussen
elizabethannmueller@gmail.com,
admin@manchestermethodistchurch.org
or call the office @ 563-927-4439

◆ Church Office Assistants:

Lynne Rasmussen
admin@manchestermethodistchurch.org
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Happy Birthday!

- Dianne Larsen..... 2/1
- Connie Erickson 2/4
- Shirley Haigh 2/5
- Jackie Sherman..... 2/6
- Clyde Scovel 2/7
- Linda Toms 2/8
- Alex Zehr 2/8
- Vi Rieger 2/9
- Terry Larson..... 2/9
- Maya Huegel 2/10
- Linda Gearhart 2/11
- Helen Skinner 2/12
- Lynne Rasmussen 2/15
- Elwyn Curtis..... 2/18
- Arlan Henderson 2/23
- Stephanie Stocks 2/26
- Caryssa O'Connell..... 2/28

Happy Anniversary!

- Brad & Shirley Davis..... 2/16
- Ron & Linda Gearhart 2/19

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Please note: If you know of someone's birthday or anniversary that was inadvertently omitted from this list, please notify the church office so we can include them on the list next time!

RADIO SPONSORS & ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

Please sign up on the calendar in the hallway to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast or to share flowers for the altar. If they are for a special occasion or in memory or in honor of someone, please let Lynne in the office know (or just include it on the sign-up calendar).



February Radio Broadcasts:

- Feb. 2..... Tim Tacy, in memory of Bob Tacy
- Feb. 9..... Jim & Joyce Shover, in memory of their sons in heaven
- Feb. 16..... **OPEN for anyone to sponsor**
- Feb. 23..... Glenn Nystel, in memory of Ivan & Martha Nystel

February Altar Flowers:

All Sundays are currently open.

Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Audrey Belden	103-N
Dorothy Hoffmann	
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Fred Phelps	
Louise Reth	210 Marietta's Place
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S

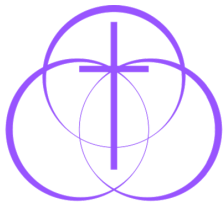
The Meadows Residents 200 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305

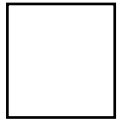
February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule 5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups						

March 2025							
Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	
2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8	
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30	31						
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Return Service Requested

TO: _____

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday: Closed

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:
♦ **Sunday mornings in person at 8:30 & 10:30am**
♦ **find us on YouTube to watch the Sun. 8:30am service**
♦ **listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on Sunday nights**
♦ **Wednesday evenings in person at 6:15pm**



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Another*

The Ministry Team at MMC includes:
Rev. Phil Rogers and the entire Congregation
Office Manager/Secretary: Lynne Rasmussen
Church Custodians: Dennis Porter and Dusty Ingles
Christian Education Director: Paul Lyman
Music Director: Beth Mueller
Missions Coordinator: Wayne Birkenholz

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